

# Public Safety Transcript

## 4-6-2022

### **SPEAKERS**

Steve Bulger, Scott Ostrander, Carl Zeilman, Mo Wright, John Lant, Karen Heggen, Wes Carr, Kevin Veitch, Jack Lawler, Several Supervisors, Bridget Rider, Michael Zurlo, Mark Hammond

### **John Lant**

I'd like to welcome everybody to our public safety meeting April 6, 2022. Attendance been taken?

### **Bridget Rider**

Yes.

### **John Lant**

Everybody had a chance to read the March 2nd minutes of our last meeting? If so, a motion to approve them.

### **Scott Ostrander**

I'll make that motion.

### **Mark Hammond**

Second.

### **John Lant**

All in favor?

### **Several Supervisors**

Aye.

### **John Lant**

Any opposed? Carried. Number three is authorizing a renewal agreement with CDTA for use of the Mt. McGregor, radio, communication towers and shelter facility. Mr. Zeilman, how are you?

### **Carl Zeilman**

Supervisor, thank you, Chairman. Thank you. This is a renewal with CDTA, Capital District Transportation Authority, they rent space off of our mount MacGregor tower for antenna and then space inside of our facility for their rack equipment. This is the first renewal we've had really good success with them the past five years and this is a renewal for 22,500 for the next five years.

**John Lant**

Any questions for Carl?

**Mo Wright**

Is that 22,500 for the five years was that per year?

**Carl Zeilman**

Per year.

**John Lant**

Any other? Anybody want to make a motion to approve it.

**Mark Hammond**

So moved.

**Kevin Veitch**

I'll second.

**John Lant**

Second, all in favor,

**Several Supervisors**

Aye.

**John Lant**

Any opposed, carried. Authorizing an agreement with Central Square Technology to update hardware and software related to Saratoga, computer aided dispatch.

**Carl Zeilman**

So,

**Carl Zeilman**

Sorry, supervisor. This is a contract for 1.284 million to upgrade the computer aided dispatch system that's utilized by the dispatchers in in the sheriff's office. Basically what they're going to be doing is replacing and upgrading the system versions, software, hardware, routers, etc. to help mitigate against cyber intrusion, things of that nature, and the company does lose support after next year. So it has to be done regardless. And that's what this is for.

**John Lant**

Carl.

**John Lant**

Any questions for Carl? Somebody want to make a motion to approve it.

**Mark Hammond**

So moved.

**John Lant**

Second.

**Kevin Veitch**

Second.

**John Lant**

All in favor?

**John Lant**

Any opposed? Carried. Authorizing an agreement with Lightspeed tech Incorp for microwave radio service equipment, systems, equipment,

**Several Supervisors**

Aye.

**Carl Zeilman**

Supervisors, this is a an agreement with Lightspeed technologies on Nokia, for 834,825 and 59 cents. The microwave backhaul radio system is utilized at each tower site to transport the 800 radio frequency from site to site across the county. This system was put in place back in 2008. It has not been updated or refreshed. And with regional count other counties coming up in the region on the same type of a network, this system has to be updated so we have that interoperability with our emergency services partners out in the field. And with that, they'll be upgrading routers again, computers, antennas at each and each radio site across the county.

**John Lant**

Any questions for Carl?

**Mo Wright**

I'll move that.

**John Lant**

Second?

**Scott Ostrander**

Second.

**John Lant**

All in favor.

**Several Supervisors**

Aye.

**John Lant**

Opposed? Carried. Authorizing an amendment to an agreement with Pittsfield communications, Carl, you're on once again.

**Carl Zeilman**

So this will increase the current contract that's in place from 35,000 to 46,950.90. This contract is for the radio installations and programming of such of all of the other radios that are utilized over in the sheriff's office and the DEA is Office, County Highway etc. And with new vehicles coming on the road, we have to put new radios in and this is this is what that cost increases for.

**Carl Zeilman**

Questions for Carl?

**Jack Lawler**

Is this a flat contract Carl, regardless of how many radios they put in?

**Carl Zeilman**

So it is, but then if we exceed the certain number that's allotted in the contract, for instance, we've had an addition of sheriff's vehicles due to personnel increases. That's not taken into account for , this is now obviously with the addition with those new cars coming on the road. So yes, there is a maximum amount that they allot, you know, to the radio install, and removal.

**Jack Lawler**

So is it. So is the wording something like, we're for this much money, we're going to do a minimum of x and then if you go beyond this, it's, it's more

**Carl Zeilman**

it's it's cost a radio, and they do it buy hours. And we get

**Jack Lawler**

And if we did less does it cost less? if we don't? If they say there's a there's a certain number?

**Carl Zeilman**

Yeah, certainly, certainly. Yeah.

**Jack Lawler**

So it works both ways.

**Carl Zeilman**

It does work both ways, because they only invoice us for the work that they do.

**Jack Lawler**

Yes. Okay. So this is a not to exceed kind of thing,

**Carl Zeilman**

Correct. Correct. I don't anticipate us having to come back to do this again this year.

**Jack Lawler**

No, it's fine. It's just if it's if it's a fixed amount for whatever number of radios you'd put in, that's conceivably a great deal. But there's an upcharge if you go over that fixed amount, it just makes sense that we get a little, a little reduction in price if we put in less and that's in there.

**Carl Zeilman**

That's that's, excuse me that's in there because they don't charge us for, you know, work that they're not doing on behalf of the County.

**Jack Lawler**

Okay, great. Thank you.

**John Lant**

Any other questions? For Carl? Want to make a motion to approve it?

**Mark Hammond**

So moved.

**John Lant**

Second.

**Kevin Veitch**

I'll second it.

**John Lant**

All in favor?

**Several Supervisors**

Aye.

**John Lant**

Any opposed? Carried. Thank you, Carl.

**Carl Zeilman**

Thank you all.

**John Lant**

Proclaiming April 10 through 16th 2022. Public Safety Telecommunications weed in Saratoga County. Sheriff, how are you,

**Michael Zurlo**

Chairman, how are you? Supervisors good afternoon, looking for a resolution proclaiming April 10 to the 16th as public safety telecommunications week in Saratoga County, our Public Safety Telecommunicators that worked for me are the single vital link for our police fire and EMS people in the county. They've done an outstanding job for me. And last year alone they handle 157,808 calls for service, an increase of 13,000 calls from the previous year.

**John Lant**

Any questions for the sheriff?

**Jack Lawler**

I have one questions John.

**John Lant**

Go.

**Jack Lawler**

Thank you. Great resolution, wonderfully well deserved. I'm just curious, are you providing is as your department now providing for everybody? I know. We moved our police and fire up to the county I think three years ago. Now. So are you now everybody is there.

**Michael Zurlo**

Except for the city of Saratoga, they still have?

**Jack Lawler**

Of course. Thanks.

**John Lant**

Anybody got anything else? Somebody want to make a motion.

**Mo Wright**

So moved.

**John Lant**

Second.

**Mark Hammond**

Second.

**John Lant**

All in favor?

**Several Supervisors**

Aye.

**John Lant**

Any opposed, carried. Authorizing agreement with Black Creek integrated system corps for annual service and support, Sheriff.

**Michael Zurlo**

Yes, looking for a resolution Chairman's to authorize the chairman of the board, myself or the County Administrator to enter into a service contract with Black Creek. They take care of the service and support for our security system into jail, whether it be the cameras or the locking systems, that cost is not to exceed \$15,836 for this year.

**John Lant**

Any questions for the sheriff on this? Anyone want to make a motion.

**Scott Ostrander**

So moved.

**John Lant**

Second.

**Mark Hammond**

Second.

**John Lant**

All in favor?

**Several Supervisors**

Aye.

**Jack Lawler**

We can't sit across from one another.

**John Lant**

Opposed carried.

**John Lant**

Thank you, sheriff. Crime Victims Rights week DA Hagen. How are you,

**Karen Heggen**

Good afternoon Chairman and supervisors. I come before you asking for a proclamation to be issued by the Board of Supervisors declaring recognizing National Crime Victims Rights week here in Saratoga County. Each year the National Crime Victims organizations produce a theme, this year that theme is rights, access, equity for all victims. In conjunction with this, my office will be doing some

recognition of both law enforcement and some victims in a virtual way. We were still uncertain with COVID to be able to plan both at a local level as well as nationally for anything other than that, but this would be one of those component pieces of recognizing that way.

**John Lant**

Questions for the district attorney? Anybody want to make a motion.

**Mark Hammond**

So moved.

**John Lant**

A second.

**Kevin Veitch**

Second.

**John Lant**

All in favor.

**Several Supervisors**

Aye.

**John Lant**

Carried, thank you.

**Karen Heggen**

Thank you very much.

**John Lant**

Authorizing participation in 22 Stop DWI program. contracts with local agencies. Mr. Carr.

**Wes Carr**

Oh, good afternoon, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon supervisors. I'm here to request it's an annual housekeeping resolution authorizing our participation in the 2022 State STOP DWI program and authorizing contracts for local agency participants. The main components of stop DWI beyond administration are funding law enforcement, the sheriff and our municipal police agencies, prosecution, we help offset the cost of DWI prosecution for the DAs office, probation, which supervises the DWI caseload, mental health, which offers rehabilitation services, we also contract with the prevention council to provide public information and work with the schools with the sad programs and so forth. I can go into as much detail as you want. But I guess I'll ask if there's any questions right now.

**Jack Lawler**

I have a question John. I'm looking at the the allocation of the funds for the different law enforcement agencies. What's the formula? Wes, how's that, how is that decided?



**Wes Carr**

I don't know if it's a set formula. Its its size and volume of DWI arrest and so forth.

**Jack Lawler**

So who comes up with the numbers?

**Wes Carr**

I do.

**Jack Lawler**

Okay, so you're so you're basically saying, based on your experience as the coordinator for the for the program, that way that this is the best way to use the money?

**Wes Carr**

Yeah, for the most part, if there are situations where an agency will request additional funding, then that's something we could do, we do have the STOP reserve fund. As a matter of fact, with the reserve fund, I've taken 25,000 Out of the reserve fund to offset the backs COVID has really knocked STOP for a loop.

**Jack Lawler**

I mean, you've done a great job with this over the years. And so I just, I'm just looking at this and, you know, the county gets 40,000. And the city gets 29,000. And there's how many people in the city. Somebody helped me out here 25,000, 27,000

**Mark Hammond**

25-30

**Jack Lawler**

Over 200,000 in the county, and

**Wes Carr**

The city's is the city's busy though.

**Jack Lawler**

You're saying this is the best way to spend the money?

**Wes Carr**

I think so.

**Jack Lawler**

That's good enough. Okay,

**Mo Wright**

I have a quick are these these numbers that are crossed out on the last year's resolution? Are they the actual numbers for last year? Or are they budgeted numbers? Is that actual money spent? Or

**Wes Carr**

No, they were budgeted.

**Mo Wright**

Now, what in we're budgeting \$60,000 less this year,

**Wes Carr**

the numbers and you know, the lag time with COVID, and so forth. It's strictly a revenue driven program, if I don't get the STOP revenue, and then I can't spend it.

**Mo Wright**

How much? So last year's budgeted money, how much was spent, you know?

**Wes Carr**

off the top of my head, I don't I can get you. I'd be happy to provide the committee.

**Mo Wright**

was that what we're we close to closer to the 253 that we're asking for this year, closer to the 310 was budgeted

**Wes Carr**

closer to 253.

**John Lant**

Any other questions.

**Jack Lawler**

I'll move that.

**Mo Wright**

I'll second

**John Lant**

Second?

**John Lant**

all in favor.

**Several Supervisors**

Aye.

**John Lant**

Thank you. Thank you, Wess. Great job you do. Got any other business.

**Steve Bulger**

Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I just like to thank Sheriff Zurlo and DA Hagen. They hosted my team and some others this week on tours of both the jail and their facilities, and it was extremely helpful. And we appreciate the insight to help us support you guys do your jobs better. Thank you.

**John Lant**

And I'd like to take a second to thank all department heads your staff, Mr. Bulger, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Hayner, Mr. Cooke, Tom Speziale. We've been talking about safety in these buildings and looks like they all worked as a team, they did a great job. And I think it's long overdue. I stopped and I talked to Deputy Parker two three times this week. I see the way he interacts with people, how helpful he is it was a great choice and Sheriff, I just want to thank you Sheriff for always being on top of your game for the safety of the residents and employees here. Hell of a job and anybody I forget, thank everybody was involved in making us safest county in the state.

**Steve Bulger**

Mr. Chairman one other announcement with the retirement of Steve Bayle as our probation director, last month, Sue Costanza who is was one of the deputies over there, she has been appointed in the acting probation director role and we will be looking to fill that permanently hopefully sometime by the summer.

**John Lant**

Good. Anybody else got anything?

**Scott Ostrander**

One thing, coffee with the sheriff he had it in our one of our local establishments in the town, actually in the village, coffee planet, a lot of positive feedback he did a wonderful job.

**John Lant**

Did he buy you breakfast?

**Scott Ostrander**

I didn't get a chance to meet him I was a little busy.

**Mark Hammond**

You know I popped in and he wasn't even there. There was a couple of deputies but I thought it was gonna be you.

**Mo Wright**

His truck his truck was parked out back.

**Mark Hammond**

He was watching through the window.

**Several Supervisors**

Inaudible.

**John Lant**

Anybody have anything else? Anyone want to make a motion for adjournment?

**Kevin Veitch**

So moved.

**Mark Hammond**

I'll second that.

**John Lant**

I know you're all in favor. Thank you all, that you all for coming.